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THE WOOSTER VOICE

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It is possible to store the mind with a million facts and still be entirely uneducated.

- Alec Bourne

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Rock the Vote to visit Wooster

By Elizabeth M. Miller
Asst. News Editor

This semester the College Democrats will be sponsoring three speakers in a series to encourage political awareness, said Doug Palmer '05, co-vice president of the organization.

The series will begin with U.S. Senate Candidate Eric Fingerhut (D-OH) on Feb. 26 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Mateer Auditorium and will continue with talk show host and politician Jerry Springer on April 1 in McGaw Chapel and with Presidential Candidate and U.S. Senator Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) in late April with the date and location to be determined.

College Democrat President Erin King '04 said that Springer's agent was the first to contact her. The president of the College Democrats for the state of Ohio had suggested to Springer's agent that Springer speak at Wooster over a number of similar liberal arts institutions in the state.

Originally, Springer was supposed to speak in February on behalf of his "Get Out the Vote" campaign. This campaign focuses on promotion of political awareness among residents of the state of Ohio.

King said that, prompted by a suggestion made by the College Democrats' advisor Professor Jeff Roche, she sent a letter to College of Wooster President R. Stanton Hales requesting college endorsement of Springer.

King said that in a reply, President Hales said the College would not be able to sponsor the event and suggested a list of alternatives. "We kind of knew he wasn't going to be thrilled about it, but we weren't expecting him to say no," said King.

The College's decision to decline sponsorship of Springer as a speaker was made, according to King, because they felt his agenda was "decidedly partisan in nature."

President Hales declined to comment regarding the details.

According to pages 45 and 46 of the Handbook of Selected College Policies, the College Democrats are able to bring the speakers to campus as long as they state that the speakers do not reflect the

views of the College of Wooster. Fingerhut and Kucinich's agendas will be slightly more campaign-oriented, according to Palmer. He expects the two candidates for political office to address issues that are important to college students including college tuition. Kucinich will also more than likely focus on issues for which he has campaigned — an anti-war stance and the improvement of the environment among other things.

College Democrat member Christine Cassella '07, who was instrumental in bringing Fingerhut to campus, said that regardless of one's own political affiliation, "you should know what someone stands for," and hopes that Fingerhut and the other speakers

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Kenya trip grounded for now

By Daniel George
Chief Staff Writer

In light of recent State Department warnings, the College has decided to suspend its "Wooster in Kenya" program in the fall of 2004.

The decision was made by Professor Randolph Quaye after a careful evaluation of the State Department's travel warnings, which currently urge Americans to defer all non-essential travel

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Julie Todd '07

to Kenya due to ongoing security concerns.

"This was no doubt a disappointing and difficult decision to make," said Quaye, who teaches sociology and anthropology at

the College and has stewarded the Wooster in Kenya program since 2000.

"However, I'm sure that students will appreciate having the time to select an alternate program that suits their interests and academic goals [and] I make this decision now, rather than later, to allow interested students to explore other options before the March 1 [study abroad] deadline."

All interested students were

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An inside look at Bornhuetter Hall

Bornhuetter Hall, the \$8.2 million residence hall located on the corner of Beall and Wayne Avenues, will begin housing 185 students in the Fall 2004 semester. Bornhuetter Hall is currently in the advanced stages of construction. The new residence hall is one of many of the new options available through Residential Life and Housing for the 2004-05 school year.

Shown here is the view of Beall Avenue and Wayne Avenue from the unfinished interior of Bornhuetter Hall. For more on information and graphics of the new residence hall, please see page 6 (Photo by Pamela Miller).



Groups have budget problems

By Sarah E. Core
Associate Editor

On March 25, Campus Council will transition all of the College's student organizations' budgets over to a new funding allocation system, which has been in the planning stages all school year.

Several campus umbrella groups feel that this new system will be a benefit, especially after a slew of recent problems have caused miscommunication and confusion among groups.

Aaron Applebaum '04, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), said that SGA's problems began when "we attempted to alter funding a little bit, specifically to move [it] to the end of the fall semester. That didn't work out well. Mainly because we didn't do as good a job as we could of communicating to student groups that we were changing things and how we were changing things."

So we ended up extending the process so that more groups could

get in."

The last problem that cropped up recently dealt with a delay in access to funds for student groups this semester.

Students were told they could start accessing their funds from SGA on Feb. 6 and it wasn't until Feb. 16 that their accounts were activated and money was actually submitted to the Business Office.

Adam Koenigburg '06, treasurer of the SGA, said it was a mis-

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Alumnus engages African policies

By Justin Hart
News Editor

College of Wooster alumnus Stephen Ndegwa '91, Associate Professor of Political Science at the College of William and Mary and an analyst for the World Bank, gave the third lecture of the 2004 Great Decisions series on Tues., Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Gault Recital Hall of Scheide Music Center. The lecture was entitled, "U.S. Foreign Policy and Engagement with Africa."

"The record of U.S. policy achievement, especially in the last 10 years, is very mixed," Ndegwa said. "There are aspects of U.S. foreign policy at the moment I would suggest do not provide the opportunity to turn things around." He described some of the points he thought to be troublesome, beginning with the issue of trade.

One of the main elements of U.S.-Africa trade policy has been the African Growth and Development Act (AGOA). This piece of U.S. legislation has provided for stimulated economic interchange between the U.S. and

some African countries. The act does this in part by removing some of the tariffs and other economic barriers on good moving between the two continents, and by having African governments implement certain economic reforms, such as a crackdown on child labor and a greater respect for property rights.

"There have been tremendous benefits," Ndegwa said. "Four hundred thousand jobs have been created."

"However, there is still a limited number of countries that have benefited from AGOA," said Ndegwa. "It doesn't really do much for the really low-growth ... countries," he said. Instead, AGOA tends to give most benefit to a relatively small number of African countries, such as South Africa, Kenya and Lesotho, which have already experienced some growth prior to the act.

"The most important constraint has to do with U.S. domestic policy," said Ndegwa. By this, he referred specifically to U.S. government subsidies.

Ndegwa gave the example of cotton, which is cheaper to produce in the African country of

Mali than, for example, in Mississippi. Nevertheless, U.S. government subsidies to domestic cotton producers make it difficult for producers in Africa to break into the U.S. market. "The benefits you're trying to create are going to be undermined," he said.

"There has always been a recognition [that] you cannot have development without peace," he said. In order to highlight Africa's importance to U.S. security. "More than 20 percent of the oil we import comes from Africa."

Nevertheless, Ndegwa maintained that the U.S. contribution to African security has not been sufficient, citing the U.S. reaction to the recent violence in Liberia. "There was a lot of rhetoric but little action," he said.

Ndegwa discussed Africa's role in the U.S. war against terrorism. The U.S. concentration on terrorism has meant the neglect of other issues, like economic development, that African countries find more personally pressing. "If your driving policy is going to be anti-terrorism, you're going to have a lot of blind spots," said Ndegwa.

In addition, these other issues are important for making African societies free from the frustration that helps lead to terrorist activities. "The anti-terror campaign has to be seen as a complex prob-



Wooster alumnus Stephen Ndegwa '91 lectures on U.S. African policy on Tues., Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. (Photo by Colin Frazee).

lem," Ndegwa said. "The ultimate end is to create democratic regimes that have economic growth that will not lead people down the path of terrorism."

Ndegwa concluded by offering some suggestions for future policy. "I would suggest ... we really just have to do better to project U.S. presence," he said.

"To be realistic ... it is unlikely much is going to happen in the next year or so, this being an election year."

However, even if the U.S. gov-

ernment is going to be inactive, Ndegwa still suggested some things for ordinary U.S. citizens to do to help ties with the African region. "Most important is to build a constituency in Africa," he said. This domestic constituency could be able, as Ndegwa said, "to speak up on behalf of Africa."

"We also need to honestly debate domestic policies," he said. Such policies include the subsidies for U.S. agricultural producers that Ndegwa had mentioned earlier.

Babcock series continues



The International Students' Association sponsored a Fireside Chat in Babcock Hall main lounge on Tues., Feb. 17. Professor of Russian Dr. Sokol, Spoke on Post-Socialist Europe (Photo by Laura Moore).

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informed of the College's decision this week via email. Many were surprised at the suddenness of the program's cancellation.

"This is definitely a shock to me, and I feel that it is a disappointment and a lost opportunity," said Julie Todd '06.

"I had not committed to the program as of yet, but it was definitely an option. Hopefully the program will not be lost forever, and it will return as soon as Kenya returns to its previous state."

The US State Department's web-

site (travel.state.gov/Kenya_warning.html) currently discourages Americans from traveling or living in Kenya, due to "indications of terrorist threats in the region aimed at American and western interests, including civil aviation [which] the government of Kenya might not be able to prevent."

It urges American citizens in Kenya to "evaluate their personal security situation in light of the current terrorist threat and consider departure from the country as one option to ensure their safety."

Traditionally, the Wooster in Kenya program, based in Nairobi, includes extensive study of African cultures, field experience

and travel throughout Kenya and into Uganda and Tanzania, an internship experience and urban and rural homestays.

Affiliated with the Department of Health Services and Sociology at the University of Nairobi, the program's academic work includes courses in East African Culture; African Medical Systems; Women, Development, and the Environment; and Introductory Kiswahili.

In addition, students may participate in an internship with a professional social service or a research institution.

Quaye did not comment on whether or not the program will be re-instituted in the near future.

New funding system set to solve problems

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communication that "won't happen again." Four to eight of the organizations under SGA had charters with problems in them, and they were not allowed to receive funding until Campus Council approved them.

"I was under the impression that would get cleared up very quickly," said Koenigsburg.

"If I had known that it wasn't going to get cleared up very quickly, which is my fault that I didn't know that ... I would have deposited the money for the groups that were good right away." As of Monday every group had access to their accounts.

This was a problem that SGA hopes won't happen under the new funding process.

"The main purpose behind everything is that we want groups to have as much money as possible because we want groups to spend as much as possible," said Applebaum.

"The more they spend means the more activities that are happening on campus and the better overall campus environment we have. It's plain and simple."

WHN has also felt the pressures of time on their organization.

Patrick Bourke '05, president of the Wooster Volunteer Network (WVN), said that while initially they had concerns about the new funding system, they have been working with Campus Council to resolve those issues and are confident that everything

has been settled.

"Our concerns were that they were expecting us to turn in our budgets and force houses to turn in their budgets before they even knew if they got a house ... they realized that wasn't as plausible as they thought. So [houses] will continue to be funded on a semesterly basis."

Specifically, WVN's most recent problem dealt with a change in funding allocation meeting dates, which caused some confusion among student organizations under WVN's control.

Lois Ribich '06, president of Circle K, a service organization that receives funding from WVN, said, "I didn't have a funding meeting until Wednesday, which is six weeks into the semester."

I was told to hand in funding on Feb. 6 and schedule a meeting, which I did, and when I showed up for that meeting, no one was there."

WVN sent an e-mail to their groups apologizing for what had happened and asked them to sign up for another meeting time. Bourke cited an intra-office issue as the problem, and said the confusion was a breakdown in communication. He said the situation has been remedied and shouldn't happen again.

"We've had a very structured funding process in the past and WVN's usually been on the ball with getting funding out and everything like that," said Bourke. "Hopefully next year the funding process will be completed in ... a much more timely manner than this year."

Speakers come to campus

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will inspire debate from all areas of the political spectrum.

"The students, then, could benefit very easily because you're exposed to the politicians — you're exposed to what they say, and really it is just something that students in general should like to see," said Palmer.

Brief question-and-answer ses-

sions will take place following the speeches. Additionally, there are plans for a reception to follow Springer's speech that all registered voters will be invited to attend.

The College Democrats will be distributing voter registration forms during the weeks surrounding the three speeches.

"It is important to vote, regardless of who [you vote] for," said King.

News Briefs

Honor Code will be discussed at meeting

Next Wed. Feb 25 at 8 p.m. in Lowry Pit there will be a Town Hall meeting during which the possibility of an honor code will be discussed. In April 2003, the College of Wooster joined over 320 institutions in a campaign to promote academic honor.

The survey, based on research conducted by Dr. Donald McCabe of Rutgers University, revealed the opinions of 303 students at the College on cheating, plagiarism, and other activities that violate academic integrity.

The data gathered by the College revealed that 23 percent of respondents considered "copying a few sentences of material from a written source without footnoting them" in a paper a serious offense. 20 percent admit to doing so within the past year.

11 percent of these respondents admitted to copying from another student during a test or exam without his or her knowledge at least once in the past year. However, only 1 percent of the respondents agreed strongly that cheating is a serious problem at the College of Wooster.

Prof. Graham speaks at Clergy Academy lecture



Religious Studies Professor Mark Graham gives a lecture for the Clegy Academy of Religion at 1:15 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 17, in Mackey Hall of Westminster Church House (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

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Tuesday, Feb. 24

WAC Comedian in The College Underground at 9:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Dance Party in the College Underground at 9 p.m. until 12 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Euchre Tournament in Lowry Center Lounge at 9 p.m.

Roller Skating Trip. See Lowry Center for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Winter Gala in Lowry Dining Hall from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Corrections

• In the Features section in last week's issue, Mike Stratton '06's Valentine was missing a line at the end of his sonnet that read: "It won't bring satisfaction 'twixt thy thighs." An editor erred.

• The A&Q photo on the front page of last week's issue was taken by Caroline Hotra '06. An editor erred.

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Opportunities for input lost

With the current drafting of the College's Strategic Plan for the next five years, there has been an effort by the administration to involve students in the process. Earlier this month, there were a few open meetings, the first of which was on Feb. 5.

These meetings were an opportunity for students to meet with administrators and discuss the strategic planning process. The administration is to be commended for this effort to gather student opinions in such a significant matter. Students have consistently attempted to gain greater pull in such decisions and it is very admirable that the College has obliged. Unfortunately, student enthusiasm was not evident in the attendance of the meetings. Now that the opportunity exists to make their voice heard exists, the student body is a no-show. There will be a few more open meetings in the future, we urge students to attend.

Responders hard at work

Recently a new batch of signs have appeared around campus advertising the services provided by the First Response team. Consisting of legally certified, trained volunteers, this squad of six students is on-call every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Whenever a student is in need of medical help, they are encouraged to contact the First Responders, in addition to the Wellness Center or Security. The First Responders are the first personnel on the scene to treat a patient for any medical or trauma emergency around campus.

We are pleased to see how well the First Responders program is doing since their conception just a mere two years ago. We also want to give a big shout out to them for all of the great work they have done. We feel safer and more secure knowing that our peers are looking out for us, too, and will be on hand immediately whenever something might go wrong.

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Smoking ban raises eyebrows

To the Editors,

I am against the new anti-smoking policy that is going into place next year. I am also against the fact that the survey on Wooster Headline News about the new smoking policy mentioned no details whatsoever regarding the policy and was an extremely biased survey. However, I understand why we can't smoke in dorms and residences. Other people will have to live in that room the next year, we are essentially renting these rooms from the College, and just as landlords have the right to tell tenants not to smoke in apartments, the school has that right also.

The part of the new policy I do not agree with is the fact that you must be 25 feet away from the dorm to smoke. Nobody is saying how this will be enforced. Supposedly other students will tell smokers to move away, but how is that different than currently if somebody tells a smoker the smoke is bothering them, the smoker

moves away? Also, there's no burden of proof — Jane Doe could say I was smoking too close and I could get my first offense, whether or not I was, in actuality, less than 25 feet away. This might be a rare occurrence, but it is possible. Answering he-said/she-said calls like these seems like a waste of Safety and Security's time and energy. Nobody knows what to do with the Rubbermaid smoker outposts either, and if the school gets rid of them, there will be cigarette butts all over campus. In continuation, this new rule presents a safety issue for female smokers who may want a cigarette at night and will have to walk 25 feet away from anywhere and just stay there, by themselves, to have a smoke.

All of this is irritating, but not out and out offensive. Here's the kicker though — the second and third time you get caught smoking too close, you receive a fine — \$30, then \$40. That's ironic when you consider that alcohol tickets don't carry

finer. Additional consequences for smoking too close to a residence includes conduct probation, recorded disciplinary probation, loss of housing privileges, and heightened sanctions provided by the campus judicial board. This also is ironic, since it says in the Sexual Assault Resource Manual that the most common forms of punishment for sexual assault are probation, community service, an educational project, and/or professional counseling. Apparently smoking is now the cardinal sin of our age — much worse than getting raging drunk when you are underage, or being a sexual predator.

Bottom line is, this is not going to make smokers quit — it's just going to piss them off. Even if you aren't a smoker, I hope you can appreciate the point I am making. This isn't really about smoking to me — this issue, to me, is about the loss of civil liberties.

- Leah Koontz '06

A&Q responds to criticism

To the Editors:

On behalf of Allies and Queers, allow me to say that the recent 'defacement' of our own bulletin board was done with calculated intent. The new board display was conceived by the group with the intention of sparking attention. The organization discussed the issue for some time and had been generating ideas on how best to confront the topic of hate crimes. We have been formulating a dorm program to speak on the topic of hate crimes with residence halls.

Our original idea for the bulletin board was to produce a display that coincided with this program. The idea of a representational hate crime was brought forward as an effective way to attract attention and promote reaction and, given the feedback we have received in addition to a front-page picture in The Voice, it has done exactly this.

Our aim was to first address the subject of hate crimes (something this campus should not naively think itself immune to), and secondly, to address the latent offense

that comes with the use of derogatory words such as 'fag'. We hope that people become more aware of the language they use and the people they offend with it.

In an editorial last week by Elizabeth Weiss, our act was denounced as harmful and vicious. As Matt Diebler, vice president of A & Q, responded, "I personally have had 'fag' written on my door six or seven times. I removed it before others saw it because I didn't want others to feel the hate and pain I felt. This board was meant to make those who I 'saved' feel as uncomfortable as I did on those mornings when I saw drunken handwriting that said 'f***ing fag' on my door."

Weiss said, "You used our pain as a springboard for your message." A & Q does not feel that assumptions should be made about "whose" pain out of which we were acting. Hate crimes are committed daily in institutions across the United States out of malice and intolerance and yes, they are painful.

It's easy to take a walk through

the Wired Scot and pass, without noticing, the various bulletin boards. However it isn't quite as easy to walk past a hateful, larger-than-life message scrawled on one of these boards without reacting to it, and reading our message which says, "You have just experienced a hate crime. How does it feel?" We hope students will be more considerate of their thoughts, actions, and words in regards to other students on this campus. It is doubtful that this reaction would have been achieved with another bland display of hate crime statistics.

As upset as Allies and Queers was to have had assumptions made about our own individual experiences with hate at the College, we are nevertheless happy with having been able to place the issue in the spotlight and for the chance to influence people's daily thoughts about the ways in which they interact with the rest of their campus community.

- Mary Cotton '04

President of Allies and Queers

No reason to regret Makhoulf's speech

Having attended Samir Makhoulf's presentation last October and taken copious notes during his lecture, I feel the need to defend the speaker against the accusations of anti-Semitism that have been leveled against him in the past week around campus by administrators and students.

These specious claims — issued by people who weren't even present in Lean Lecture Hall that afternoon — are intended only to portray Mr. Makhoulf as a racist hot-head, a shameful move which enables critics to dodge his piercing critique of the state of Israel, whose hawkish policies have contributed to the deaths of nearly 2,800 Palestinians and 900 Israelis in the past three years. Worse yet, the chorus of aspersions has drowned out Mr. Makhoulf's intended message of reconciliation, forgiveness, brotherhood and justice — themes which are painfully lacking in current discourse on the Middle East.

Mr. Makhoulf's presentation, which included a 30-minute slideshow of photographs taken in the wake of an Israeli raid on the Palestinian town of Nablus in 2002, was indeed sobering and

provocative. It showed graphic images of demolished homes, the lifeless bodies of Palestinian civilians, and martyrs being hailed in the streets as heroes.

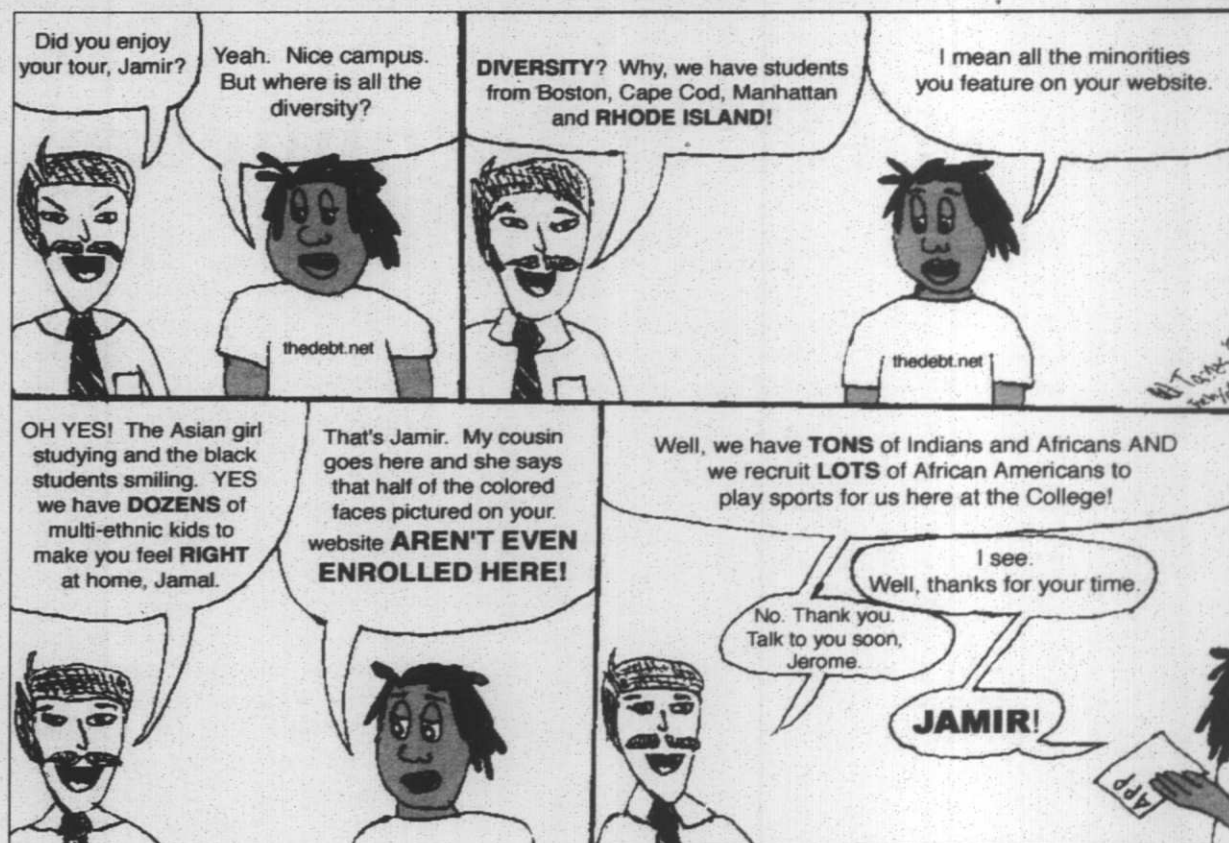
"Look what the occupation has done to my people," Makhoulf lamented. "We cheer human bombs."

One frame conflated the Israeli flag with a Nazi swastika in such a way that the audience was made to consider Israel's continued occupation and degradation of the Palestinians in light of the tragic mistreatment of the Jews during the Holocaust. Makhoulf asserted that many in the Arab world feel that Israel is conducting a slow-motion holocaust in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, but made it very clear that the brunt of this anger was aimed, not against Jews or the Jewish religion, but against the state of Israel as a political entity.

"Israel" means 'the family of God' in both Hebrew and Arabic — we are all Israelites," he said.

"But we must ask: is Israel living out God's decree in killing children, demolishing houses, breaking arms? Truly religious Jews do not support Israel — the actions they are taking in our [Palestinian] towns are defiant of God. Secular Zionism is the problem, not Judaism."

As he expounded on the delicate issue of Arab-Israeli rela-



tions, Makhoulf's tone was conciliatory, hopeful and straightforward, without the slightest trace of bigotry or hate, as has been alleged. Indeed, the candor and sincerity with which he spoke lifted the pall of political correctness that so often hovers over our campus events.

When asked what Americans could do to promote peace in the Middle East, he rattled off a list of interfaith organizations people could join (Americans For Peace Now, Isaac and Ishmael, The Faculty For Israeli and Palestinian Peace) and provided several websites for people to visit (www.notinmyname.com, www.electrictinfada.com.) I was so inspired by

Makhoulf that I called home later that night and asked my dad — who is Lebanese — to enroll both he and I in "Isaac and Ishmael," a national organization composed of Arabs and Jews which has a local chapter in Cleveland.

All of this makes me wonder if I attended the same event that has drawn scrutiny in the Cleveland Jewish News and necessitated a campus-wide apology from President Hales. I fear that the condemnation of Makhoulf reflects a dangerous trend in contemporary Middle Eastern discourse in which apologists of Israel dismiss any criticism of the Jewish state as "anti-Semitic." I urge people to be aware of how such claims can be

used as rhetorical smokescreens to diffuse criticism of Israeli policy, which is widely condemned outside outside of the United States.

It is a shame that Mr. Makhoulf has been denounced because of his paradigm-challenging presentation. I think it would be wise for his critics to heed his claims and consider their implications instead of spewing fatuous and baseless contentions of bigotry; indeed, look where mutual ignorance has gotten both sides in the Middle East today.

Danny George is the Chief Staff Writer for the Voice. He can be reached for comment via e-mail at dgeorge@wooster.edu.

Believe it or not, your questions have answers

To the editors,
Having the privilege to go to college means that you are given at least four years to ask questions. A liberal- arts school like Wooster is, or should be, particularly interested in hearing your thoughts. There are certainly many questions for which they are no concrete answers, questions that you must grapple with, engage with, and interpret for yourself. However, there are lots of other queries that do have answers, if we only ask.

Within the classroom, but most

specifically beyond, I urge students to take advantage of our resources. If you're confused as to why Allies and Queers would create a bulletin board depicting a hate crime, ask someone. Find the contacts for that organization. Call them, email them, find out when they meet. Look for Safe Space stickers on the doors of professors, College staff and students. These individuals should be trained and receptive to answering your questions about sexuality issues.

If you don't understand why

students of color and multicultural programs are guaranteed four permanent charter houses, ask a member of the Women of Images, Women of Dené, Men of Harambee or Dream.

If you don't know any of these people, call someone in the Office of Multi-ethnic Student Affairs or the Dean of Students. Find archives in *The Wooster Voice* about the Galpin Takeover, the student-led sit-in in 1989 that prompted the administration to display its commitment to diversity in the

form of permanent housing.

Why do we have the Vagina Monologues? Why aren't there Penis Monologues? There are people who want to respond to earnest questions. Stop by the Women's Resource Center (WRC). It is downstairs in Lowry, near Java Hut. Find out their hours. Subscribe to *Evulva*, a publication of the WRC. Contact someone in the Women's Studies Department.

For most questions, there are established places to go for answers. There is no harm in not

knowing the answers and nobody expects everyone to understand everything. That's precisely why we create organizations to address these issues. Rather than encountering something confusing and leaving with an uninformed judgment, seek out somebody dedicated to that concern. Take advantage of a time in your life that most people aren't fortunate enough to have. Ask an organization, ask a professor, ask a counselor, ask Jeeves, ask someone! But please, just ask.

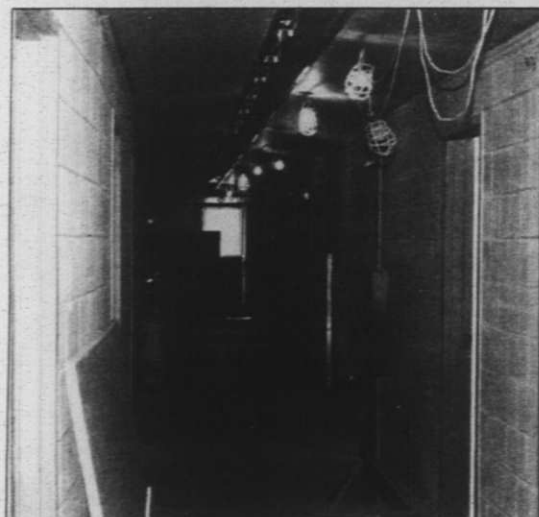
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Take a peek at Bornhuetter *Burma adventure shows cost of war*

By Margaux Day
Staff Writer

Bornhuetter Hall, the new residence hall under construction on the corner of Beall and Wayne Avenues, will house 185 students next year and will be open to gen-



Looking down a hallway in brand new Bornhuetter Hall (Photo by Pamela J. Miller).

eral room draw. Everyone can see what the outside looks like, but up until now, the inside has been more of a mystery.

"The layout of each room is most similar to what you can currently find in Armington," said David Brown, Director of Residential Life and Housing. The rooms in Bornhuetter will all be of a standard size and carpeted, the furniture will be modular to create flexibility, and the closets will be positioned on either side of the door.

Yet, thanks to groups of students that ResLife and Housing interviewed, there will also be vast improvements. Housing took into careful consideration the opinions of present students when designing the interior of Bornhuetter. Many of these design requests have been fulfilled.

The rooms are definitely larger than those in Armington. There will also be a separate light near the doorway so that you can come in to the room late and not waking up your roommate but still be able to see what you are doing. Many students requested more storage

space, so one closet is deeper than the other with extra room in the back for storage. Behind the smaller closet, there is a deep built-in shelf that offers even more storage space. There will be computer jacks on both walls, which will allow more options for how to arrange furniture.

The interior of the building will also be different than traditional dorms. The design revolves around the concept of layering. For instance, the roof is made of a metal that resembles copper, while the walls facing the entrance courtyard are faced in copper. Copper awnings peek out of the brick outer-layer facing the street.

To emphasize the interior layers of the building, one wall of the lounges on each floor will be painted in

varying shades of the same color. This means one wall of the third-floor lounge will be painted golden yellow, and the lower-level lounges will be painted in increasingly lighter shades of the same color.

Throughout the building, many walls consist entirely of windows. Offering a view of the new courtyard, these windows offer an escape from the usual florescent lighting and offer a more open atmosphere. In addition, each room will offer an extra large window, complete with a window seat.

Included in the design is a multi-purpose room in the west wing on the terrace floor, which will be similar to the multi-purpose room in Luce, equipped with an audio/visual system and movable furniture. This room has a impressive view through the glassed-in courtyard.

Additionally, the hallways will have carpet halfway up the walls to reduce noise and add to the dorm's overall aesthetic appeal. There will also be a sprinkler system in the dorm to meet new laws and codes for fire safety.

Because of the new dorm, the rooms Armington and Stevenson are being converted into singles, and Douglass and Wagner are becoming first-year buildings. The College is not planning on increasing its student body, so these changes will offer many new options for current students.

The construction of Bornhuetter costs \$8.2 million and is part of the larger project, Independent Minds, which has also funded the Gault Admissions Center, Longbrake Student Wellness Center, and Morgan Hall with tmore improvements to come.

Bornhuetter Hall was made possible by a \$5 million gift from Trustee Ronald Bornhuetter '53 and his family, as well as a 50th Reunion gift from the Class of 1953. Bornhuetter was designed



Overhanging study pod from inside Bornhuetter Hall (Photo by Pamela J. Miller).

by Lewis, Tsurmkaki, and Lewis of New York City.

Students can view more pictures online by logging in at <http://www.wooster.edu/reslife/bornhuetter.html> of what the outside of Bornhuetter Hall will look like when completed upon return for Fall Semester 2004.

— Additional reporting by
Pamela J. Miller

By Nathan Collins
Staff Writer

As I slogged along the trail, trying in vain to keep my feet as dry as possible in the wet, steamy jungles of eastern Burma, I looked ahead of me and noticed a member of our group straddling the narrow path. Why was he blocking the trail, making it necessary for us to step around him? He smiled at me, calmly pointed between his feet and said "BOOM!". I realized he wasn't simply trying to get in the way. He was trying to keep me from stepping on a land mine: those horribly effective weapons that continue to terrorize innocent civilians in countries around the world

Having grown up in northern Thailand, close to the Burmese border, I was always close to the situation in Burma, but never really heard much about it. Thailand has the longest mutual border with Burma, a border that is home to a large number of Burma's ethnic minority groups. The ethnic minorities of Burma, roughly 30% of the population, have been waging civil war against the military ever since World War II.

The military government, based in Rangoon, views all minorities as a threat because of their large size and potential support of rebel militias. The military frequently will enter a village, threaten or shoot the inhabitants, plunder their belongings and food, and burn down the village. Because of this intimidation villagers are forced to flee their villages and hide in the jungle. The military then will often lay down land mines in order to prevent the villagers from returning to the village and resuming their agricultural practices. It is estimated that over 1 million ethnic minorities in Burma are currently regarded as internally displaced persons (IDPs). This is

on top of another 500,000 or more that are currently refugees in Thailand.

Along with these attacks, the government continues to severely limit any internal political activity that threatens the illegal rule of the military, which lost any official legitimacy when elections in 1991 called for a new government led by the National League for Democracy.

It is the plight of these ethnic minorities that brought me to Burma last summer. An acquaintance of mine has set up a program in which he recruits experts in the fields of medicine and dentistry to train select members of each minority group in the basics of these fields.

The trainees then enter into Burma to document human rights abuses and treat their people for a wide array of often basic medical problems. For me, the fact that so many people are needlessly suffering is the most tragic aspect of the situation. Burma is a country with abundant natural resources, and yet its people have nothing. Many of the IDPs survive on little more than small amounts of rice, peppers, and salt.

There is absolutely no access to medical relief, and the constant fear of attack means any attempt at establishing productive long term villages would undoubtedly be a waste of resources. These people suffer from all types of maladies: malaria, denghy fever, malnutrition, and bacterial infections. Some also had gunshot wounds, burns, and legs lost to land miness. We came across a baby girl, half of whose foot had been eaten away by a bacterial infection. She could have been easily cured with antibiotics had it been caught early enough. The dejected look of her helpless mother almost matched the painful grimace on the baby's face. Another little boy had such

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Writer recounts experiences in *Burma*

Burma trek

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a bad urinary tract infection that he had to be carried to the Thai border to receive help at a hospital. I can still remember his cries of pain at night as his urine-swollen belly did not respond to the simple antibiotics and catheter that we were able to offer him.

We marched from village to village, stopping in one or two places each day setting up clinics where villagers from the surrounding area could come to be treated. Camping in the jungle at night was a necessary precaution for our group of about 40, primarily to avoid the frequent army patrols. Finding two sturdy trees to set up a hammock became a daily routine. We would then string across thin sheets of plastic to keep the rain out, an attempt that was only slightly more effective than keeping our feet dry.

Our plans and directions were improvised; continually changing with the intelligence we were

able to gather about the location of the Burmese military, and what they knew about our location. Once, sounds in the jungle betrayed movement on our right. The disturbance proved to be Burmese spies, both of whom were captured and later released.

After two weeks of movement, we heard the first rumbling sounds of our security element being mortared by Burmese forces. Despite the fact that we increased our forces in the area, including soldiers with rocket propelled grenades, it was decided that the situation was too dangerous to continue. We headed east, constantly climbing and descending the high peaks of the Dawna mountain range between



This Burmese guerrilla was part of the security detail that brought basic medicinal and humanitarian supplies to displaced ethnic minorities in Burma (Photo by Nathan Collins).

Burma and Thailand. Word of increased Burmese patrols forced us to send out scout teams. We wanted to reach the Thai border as quickly as possi-

ble, but we could not afford a run-in with the well-armed Burmese forces. By now it had been raining incessantly for five days, swelling the streams and rivers that we were often forced to cross. I suffered from severe jungle rot in my fungus infested feet, the pain only subsiding when assuaged by the adrenaline that came as we sprinted across roadways frequented by the Burmese army.

At every village we had to announce we were not there to help them wage war, but that we could only help them with medicine, dentistry and prayer. One

old woman told us to "come back next time with more guns." Although part of me wanted to tell her "Yes!", I had to ask myself, "are more guns really the answer?" What is the solution to such a long-standing and entrenched civil war.

This question profoundly influenced the choice of my I.S. topic. I am asking whether sanctions or constructive engagement is more effective in dealing with authoritarian regimes such as the one in Burma. America currently imposes sanctions on Burma's military junta.

Burma's neighbors such as Thailand and India maintain a different policy of constructive engagement in order to encourage positive political dialogue and spur economic development. This issue is a complicated one, raising questions about how sanctions actually affect governments such as the Burmese junta. What is clear from my trip is that first hand experience does not necessarily answer these questions. Stories and numbers cannot capture the true pain of war.

Wooster Outdoors Club is the real wild life

By Chaz Fischer
Features Editor

Students who walk into Lowry on Wednesday nights are always surprised when they see what a large number of their peers are doing in the lobby. At 8 p.m. every Wednesday evening, students in the Wooster Outdoors Club (WOODs) are slack-lining, which can best be described as walking across a rope that is three feet above the ground and supported by two columns. It is incredibly challenging and requires intense concentration and balance, but that does not deter any of the large number of students from giving it a shot. However, WOODs is more than walking an elastic rope.

"Climbing, biking, hiking, slack-lining ... that's just a few of the things we do," said Genevieve Luken '06, vice president of the club. "I got involved as a freshman after seeing the table at Scot Spirit day ... I saw them slack-lining ... I was like 'what is this?'"

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- Genevieve Luken '06

There are rock climbing trips every week, both indoor and outdoor. Equipment for these trips is provided by WOODs.

The club consists of almost 200 active and non-active members. However, anyone can participate or join whenever they like. With so many members, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved during the week. "If you're bored at school and want something to do, this is a thing you can get involved in that is relaxing and healthy," said Luken.

The WOODs is more of a community than an organization. When someone is interested in organizing an activity, they merely need to propose the idea to the list-serv. In some cases, funding may be approved to finance club activities.

While there are always opportu-

nities for indoor/outdoor rock climbing and slack lining during the week, there are also a few big activities that occur during the year during school breaks.

Over Fall Break last semester, 14 students went hiking, camping, and biking at both Virginia and West Virginia. During the same period, 4 students went backpacking in Canada. The next major activity is a rock-climbing trip in Georgia, scheduled during spring break.

The President of WOODs Carlyn Hall '05 has been very

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happy with the growth of the club since her freshman year. She said that during her involvement in the outdoors club, she could recount hundreds of memorable experiences. "Last year, we went to Utah and there was a seven mile mountain biking trail...at the end of it, we were able to overlook Arches National Park in Utah...it was amazing. We were so high up, but we could still find old sea shells."

WOODs is open to any student with a general interest in outdoor activities. Mountain biking, rock-

climbing, slack lining, and camping are just the surface of what the club is about. Currently, the club is looking into collaborating with the newly formed Educational Adventure Club to organize a spring whitewater rafting trip, open to any adventurous students. Every Wednesday WOODs gathers in Lowry Pit. Come by for ideas about how to balance school books with your need for nature, and to find people to share outdoor, and indoor, adventures with at Wooster.


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"Getting Out" staged at Freedlander

Elizabeth Weiss
A&E Editor

Several years before "'night, Mother" won the Pulitzer Prize, Marsha Norman wrote "Getting Out," the story of a woman's first day of freedom after serving a 10 year prison sentence. Next weekend, the Theatre Department will present their production of this challenging and moving play. "Getting Out" is directed by Shirley Huston-Findley, assistant professor of theatre, and features a cast of 12 students.

The play centers around Arlene Holsclaw (Kieran Welsh-Phillips '07), who has just been released from prison after serving time for attempted kidnapping, robbery and murder. As Arlene tries to settle into a new life, the audience is confronted with her former self — Arlie (Kate Anderson '05) — who moves through various moments in the past, revealing the difficulties Arlene has faced.

According to Andrea Hiebler '05, who plays Arlene's mother, Norman's creation of a separate character to depict Arlene's past life is an effective way of "showing one person and simultaneously their many trials and tribulations and all the reasons why they are the person they are."

An interesting dramatic tool, the division of Arlene into a past and present self poses a challenge for the actors who portray her. Anderson and Welsh-Phillips worked together to develop a walk and other physical tendencies for Arlene.

"Marsha Norman puts some of the same phrases in both roles, so we made sure there was some consistency in how we delivered them," said Anderson.

The emotional challenges of the play are also difficult for many of the actors. Merritt Smith '06 plays Bennie, the prison guard who drives Arlene to her new apartment. He described several scenes as "intense and awkward."

That emotional intensity is also experienced by the audience.

"Some of the topics this play addresses are really interesting and challenging. It will be

challenging for the audience," said Welsh-Phillips.

"Getting Out" isn't an easy play to watch. In addition to raising questions about crime and the

"One of the reasons why we as a department chose the play was to give the students the opportunity to do something that was closer to realism," said Huston-Findley.



Kate Anderson '05 looks down on Kieran Welsh-Phillips '07 and Sheila O'Connor '06. Welsh-Phillips plays Arlene, a woman recently released from prison, and Anderson plays Arlie, her younger self. O'Connor plays her new neighbor, Ruby (Photo by Sajal Sthapit).

prison system, the play tackles difficult issues like class, rape, drug abuse and prostitution. "I suspect that [the audience will] laugh at times in places that are funny and that are uncomfortable," said Huston-Findley.

The audience is ultimately forced to ask whether or not Arlene can overcome her past. In the first scene of the play, Arlene tells us she has put her past behind her. "Arlie girl landed herself in prison — Arlene is out," she says. But as the play progresses, the audience is forced to question that.

As she struggles to do right, Arlene faces the temptation to return to her former life. Shortly after she arrives at her new apartment, her former pimp, Carl (Adam Van Wagoner '04), appears, offering her easy alternatives to obeying the terms of her parole.

Arlene is left with no easy choices. The prison system has provided her with no marketable skills, and whatever path she chooses to take will be difficult.

The play also provides an important opportunity for theatre students, both in terms of technical design and acting.

of working with a medium sized cast of only 12. Huston-Findley said, "It's nice for students to get a more intimate experience of working together."

Huston-Findley described the play as "an important piece." Often overlooked because of the success of "'night, Mother," "Getting Out" challenges its audiences to think deeply about social issues.

"I hope the play makes [the audience] think about how each of us reinforces the various institutions in society that we're both a part of and often work against us," said Huston-Findley.

"Getting Out" will be performed Thurs. Feb. 26 to Fri. Feb. 28, at 8:15 p.m. in Freedlander Theatre. Tickets are free for Wooster students, \$9 for general admission and \$6 for senior citizens, faculty, staff and non-Wooster students. The play is intended for mature audiences only. For tickets or more information, contact the box office at ext. 2241.



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Jazz drummer visits Wooster

Kara Barney
A&E Editor

Harold Jones is not your average drummer, unless your average drummer has worked with some of the biggest names in jazz, including Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett and Sammy Davis, Jr.

Tonight, The College of Wooster community will have the rare opportunity to hear a man who has made his own significant contribution to the history of jazz. Jones, who performed with the Count Basie Orchestra during the late 1960s and early 1970s, will be the guest artist at tonight's Wooster Jazz Ensemble concert, taking place at 8:15 p.m. in McGaw Chapel.

The Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music Jeffrey Lindberg, will present a "Tribute to Count Basie" tonight to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth. "From the mid-1930s until his death in 1983,

Basie was the leader of one of the greatest jazz orchestras ever assembled," said Lindberg. "Count Basie's Orchestra played with a relaxed 'swing' feeling that set the standard for all big bands."

And Lindberg should know. In addition to directing the Jazz Ensemble, trombone lessons and jazz history at the College, he has been commissioned to transcribe over twenty jazz orchestrations for the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra. Among these transcriptions were works performed by Count Basie.

Basie was a gifted pianist and orchestra director who started his nine-piece band in 1935. The band soon grew in popularity due to its unique style, which is characterized by a relaxed, light precision that still resonates today.

"These old Basie charts got all our heads bopping and feet dancing. You can't go wrong with Basie," said John Evans '05, who plays the piano in the Jazz Ensemble. "He was a piano play-

"Jazz music is both sophisticated and fun, so it is music that should appeal to the sophisticated College of Wooster student who likes to groove once in a while." - Professor Jeffrey Lindberg

er with a minimalist approach and would frequently leave the band and mingle with the crowd. So if you see me leaving the piano, you'll know where I'll be."



Harold Jones will be performing with the Wooster Jazz Ensemble tonight in McGaw Chapel at 8:15 p.m. (Photo courtesy OPI).

Jones joined the Count Basie Orchestra in 1967. He only planned to perform with the band for two weeks, but he was still drumming with them on and off ten years later. According to Lindberg, he is often described as "Count Basie's favorite drummer," and is "one of the few remaining performers who played in Basie's band when Basie was still alive."

"Harold Jones is a drummer solid as concrete," said Evans.

Jones will join the Jazz Ensemble, which consists of 20 Wooster students, for Basie's "One O'Clock Jump" and "Jumpin' At The Woodside." Jones will also perform with the Ensemble for a number of other songs, including Sammy Nestico's "It's Oh, So Nice," Neal Hefti's "Cute" and Vernon Duke's "April in Paris."

Jones left the Count Basie Orchestra to play drums for Ella Fitzgerald. In 1980, he began a ten-year stint playing drums for

Sarah Vaughn on a tour that took them around the world and that included five separate performances at the White House for former First Lady Nancy Reagan. Since that time, he has also played for Natalie Cole, Tony Bennett and Sammy Davis, Jr. He appears on Quincy Jones' latest CD, which is entitled, "Count Basie and Beyond," and also appeared on British pop artist Robbie Williams' CD entitled "Swing When You're Winning."

With such a distinguished repertoire, Jones' talent cannot be overestimated, and the College is lucky to have him as a guest performer. After all, it is not everyday that we are given a chance to witness the living history of a truly American art form.

"Swinging as hard as Basie's band is becoming a lost art. And hearing a musi-

cian who played along with Count Basie is an opportunity no student should miss. Jazz music is both sophisticated and fun, so it is music that should appeal to the sophisticated College of Wooster student who likes to groove once in a while," said Lindberg.

Tickets for tonight's concert are \$5 and can be purchased at Maurer Pharmacy, the Wooster Book Company and both Wooster Buehler's locations. Tickets are also available at the Florence O. Wilson Bookstore and will be available at the door prior to the beginning of the performance.

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Of pizza boxes and mayo

I don't know anything about television, so my "scene" column will be different. This column is not about mass media; it's about the real-life comedy that has kept me entertained for years. His name is Ron



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and he is one of my best friends.

Actually, for the purposes of this column his name is Ron. I fictionalize his name for his own protection. Ron and I have been friends since the seventh grade; I met him when I still played basketball. He was on the team with me and on the first day of practice, we were stretching out. He was wearing running shoes and doing a butterfly stretch.

For those of you unfamiliar with normal calisthenics, the butterfly is achieved by sitting on the ground and situating yourself so the bottoms of your feet are touching. This stretch, of course, can be pretty awkward if you are facing someone while they are doing it, and I happened to be facing Ron.

Ron was off in his own little world. He was kind of groaning, "Oh, my Grandma," as he stretched and the rest of the team and I were all thoroughly confused. This kid, who was kind of overweight and very sweaty, was moaning all the way through stretches and this was the first time we'd met him. We figured it was just his thing. Maybe this was a ritual before he got ready to kick ass on the court. We weren't really sure.

It ended up that Ron wasn't serious on the court. I remember back to our first game against Orrville Junior High when Ron was put in the game and within three seconds had caught a pass, stopped in pro-land and put up a shot that fell quite short as he was called for traveling. Coach, needless to say, didn't put Ron in for a while after that.

In the first two years of high school, spent most of his time running around the hallways making weird noises and saying inappropriate things to about everyone he

could find. I can't necessarily print the things he said in this column, but if you rearrange the following words, add some verbs, articles and punctuation marks, you will get a decent idea: "mother," "stinky cheese," "slam-dance," "mayonnaise" and "victimless crime." To this day, he still has an affinity for this vocab, and I still find myself laughing at his ridiculous statements.

In a fit of rebellion, Jon quit the football team (a horrible sin in my hometown) and joined the band to play the saxophone.

To my dismay, he picked up a Rammstein habit, and even once arrived to a final 45 minutes late after a hard night at the German industrial band's show in Cleveland.

Ron was older than us and used to tell us that he had his driver's license, but we never saw him driving. I did, however, often see him riding his 1988 model Huffy bike around town to places like the gas station to buy cigarettes.

I have made it a good ways into this column and I realize that it isn't really as humorous as I originally intended. Ron's difficult to describe. I mean, this is a guy who wears purple t-shirts with unicorns on them and drives around town in a Chevy Lumina with one working speaker that blasts either the Human League or New Order as loud as possible. He works at McDonald's for fun. He claps like a monkey when he laughs and he enjoys Hugh Grant movies. He's a weird guy. How can I really get across the hilarity of a man who has spent most of his life worshipping mayonnaise? He eats the stuff with a spoon. And it's not light — it's the full flavored, fatty junk.

I guess I can't do it. I've tried. Ron, I really do appreciate the excellent amount of material you've given me in the past. I have enough stories to tell everyone about you. Don't worry, man, I didn't tell them about the pizza box thing. But I would trade in my television, my CDs and any other form of entertainment before I turned in Ron. Opportunities to learn about a good friend's grandma come once in a lifetime.

Sports Boxers

Baseball Season

Baseball season is itching closer, and as a Cleveland Indians fan, I really don't give a crap. Here is the problem with baseball



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today. The teams with money get all the talent. Every year high-priced free agents go to New York, Boston,

Chicago, Houston, Atlanta or some other team with truckloads of money. When was the last time the Expos, Royals or Athletics landed a decent free agent? The answer is never. I am sick of seeing teams lose good players to market giants because there is no salary cap to keep the rich from outbidding the smaller market ball clubs.

All week I have heard about A-Rod going to the Yankees. I am so tired of people talking about the Yankees. Unless you are from New York, how can anyone in the world like the Yankees? It makes me sick when I look at their payroll compared to the rest of the league. Steinbrenner whines every year that his team gets their butts kicked in the playoffs, then he goes out and buys the best players in baseball to compensate for it. Joe Torre should get a lot of credit for being a decent manager, but I'm pretty sure any manager would have a few rings, if not more, if they had the luxury of talented players the Yankees buy every year. They should win the World Series every year as far as I'm concerned. The problem the Yankees have is how can you motivate a bunch of superstars to play as a team after you have filled all of their pockets with

tons of money? I cannot help but root against the Yankees. Jason Giambi left the A's a few years ago only to see his stats plummet while wearing the pin stripes. There is nothing more satisfying to me as a fan than to see a superstar leave town and abandon his team, only to fail with another. I love the competitive nature that sports brings, but today's emphasis on money and big business makes me sick.

Also, I wish people from Boston and Chicago would stop whining about their baseball teams. Being a Cleveland fan my whole life, I have grown accustomed to losing and never seeing a professional sports championship. When the Indians went to two World Series in the mid 90's, you could not punch the smile off my face (even though they lost both series). Chicago won the Super Bowl less than twenty years ago, and not to mention a man named Jordan who brought six championships to the Bulls. I wanted a Red Sox/Cubs World Series as much as anyone last year, but to hear about how these cities suffer each year is ridiculous. The Indians had a good run, but year by year they refused to put up the kind of money needed to keep great players in this era of sports. When was the last time a Cleveland team in any sport signed or traded for a big time player? I was doing cartwheels for days when the Cavs traded for Shawn Kemp a few years ago. Unfortunately he decided to gain fifty pounds instead of buying a winter coat to help deal with the cold weather. I just pray everyday to one day see a Cleveland championship before my time has passed.

Where do they find these people?

"The lead car is absolutely unique, except for the one behind it which is identical."

- Murray Walker

By Katie Lamoreau
Staff Writer

Although they led at one point during the second half, the College of Wooster men's basketball team (currently 19-3) fell to Wittenberg University (20-3) on Sat., Feb. 14 73-62. The game was the last opportunity Wooster had to take the regular season Championship, as Wittenberg will now certainly finish first, with Wooster likely finishing right behind them. Though the regular season isn't over (The Fighting Scots travel to Hiram College on Feb. 18 and to Ohio Wesleyan University this Sat., Feb. 21), the team has abandoned the goal of finishing the season at Number One and is instead looking forward to the North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament.

The Fighting Scots, who went into halftime on the losing end, were confident that they could make up the deficit.

"Though we were down at halftime, we thought we could come back," said Head Coach Steve Moore. The Fighting Scots were able to come back and take the lead with 7:29 to play during the fourth quarter, with a score of 54-50. The Tigers and the Fighting Scots had been taking and losing the lead throughout the game, but it was the Tigers who pulled it out once and for all, on a three-point shot from Peter Walker with under two minutes left to play. Captain Ryan Snyder '04, attributes the loss to the fact that "we didn't make plays down the stretch like we needed to."

Moore said, "some of our players did a good job during the second half, you have to give Wittenberg a lot of credit for playing well and getting some good shots."

The losing team however, did, have some notable play, espe-

cially from Tom Port '06, who led the team in scoring with 16 points. "Tom made a lot of big shots," said Moore. "PJ McCloud had one of his best games at Wooster as well."

win," said Moore.

It is key that the team wins the tournament, because the winner of the NCAC tournament gets an automatic bid to the National tournament. "We still want to win the conference tournament and make it to Salem again," says Snyder.

Captain Rodney Mitchell '04 added that, "Our chances are good in winning the conference and then continuing [on to] the National Tournament."

Though they are confident, the Fighting Scots know that they will have to work hard to succeed and return to their winning ways, because, as Snyder said, "we know that we have not yet reached or played to our potential as a team." The next the Fighting Scots will

be in action is Tues., Feb. 24 at 7:30 pm in Timken Gymnasium, when they host the Quarterfinal Game of the NCAC tournament.



PJ McCloud '04 goes up for a lay-up against the harsh defense of the Wittenberg Tigers. Their defense proved effective and stymied the Scots. They managed two baskets in the final seven of the game (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

With the season nearly behind them, the Wooster men's basketball team is looking ahead, to the NCAC tournament, which The team is "very confident we can

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Swimming and Diving finish in middle of pack

By David Murray
Sports Editor

The College of Wooster's men's and women's diving teams turned in impressive performances at the

North Coast Athletic Conference Championships. The men managed to finish fourth with an accumulation of 758.5 in the three day event, while the women displayed their dominance by breaking the

1,000 point barrier with 1083.5 points. Unfortunately their remarkable score only gave them third place, the position they have been stuck at for seven straight years.

A portion of the mens success was due to the outstanding performance from Todd Koenig '06 whose individual win in the three-meter dive compiled a score of 283.80 which was enough to catapult the Scots over Wittenberg to capture fourth place.

Also helping out the team was Nate Bray '07, who had a seventh-place swim in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 17:06.53. Kevin Wolfe '05 was the winner of the 200 butterfly consolation final. His time of 2:03.90 landed him in ninth place. Adam Yack '04 also had a strong showing in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:05.72, Dan Noble '07 finished right behind Yack with a 12 place finish in 2:06.39. The Scots had multiple swimmers in the

200 backstroke that were able to provide a strong showing. Sam Almy '04, Wolfe, David Brumbaugh '06, and Jim Gilchrist '04 finished 10, 11, 13, and 15, respectively.

Along with their dominating third place finish, the women had four swimmers win all-conference honors. Liz Whittam '05 was the lone Scot to win individual all-conference honors. Whittman recorded Wooster's only top finish, as she finished third in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:28.97. Whittman joined Kayla Heising '04, Sonya Tarasenkova '04, and Kim Chambers '04 in the 400 freestyle relay team. The team came together to finish in a blazing time of 3:32.53 which was good enough for third place and give the team all-conference honors.

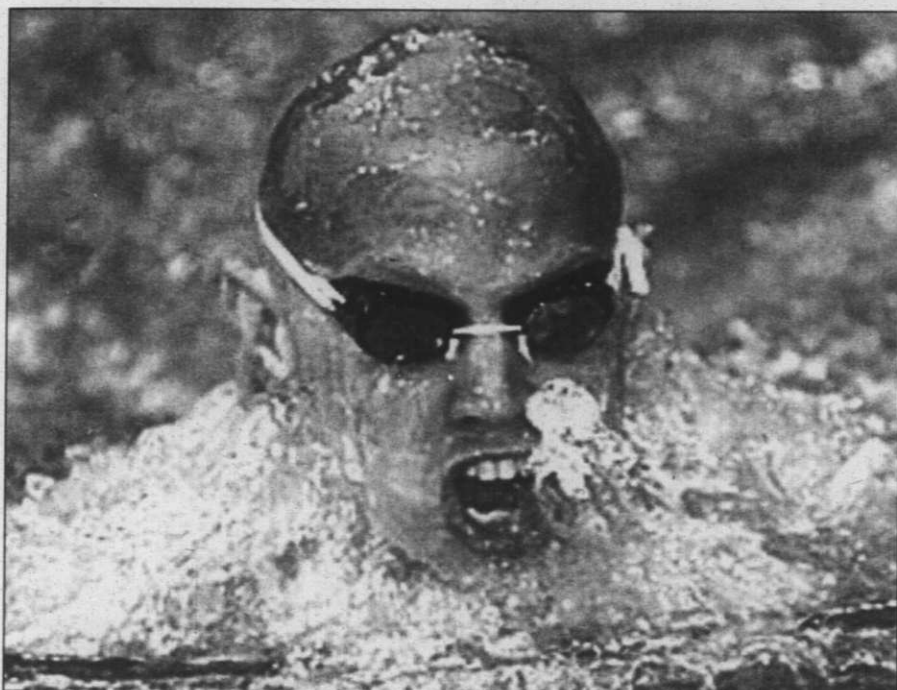
Elizabeth Roesch '05 compiled the most impressive performance by any Scot at the NCAC Championships. Roesch willed her way to fourth place in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 17:29.13. On Friday she also won the 400 IM, touching the wall in 4:35.29. Roesch was also the run-

ner-up in the 500 freestyle with a school-record time of 5:01.78 in Thursday's meet.

The Scots had a trio of swimmers who finished in the top ten of their respective events. Heising came in fifth in the 100 freestyle with a time of 52.82. Amy Clark '04 tied for fifth place in the 200 butterfly in 2:13.00. Rounding out the group was Chambers, who notched an eight-place performance in the 200 backstroke. The remainder of the Scot swimmers that had notable performances were Sonya Tarasenkova '04 who took 12th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 54.27. Kathryn Lehner '07 received 12th-place in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:23.34, and Jen Jenkins '04 earned 13th-place in the 200 backstroke with a blazing time of 2:18.22.

Shannon McIntyre '06 was one of the divers that had a notable achievement coming in sixth on the one-meter board with a tally of 230.80.

The Scots season finale is at Case Western Reserve for the Case Western Reserve Classic.



Swimming and Diving competed in the NCAC Championships on Feb. 12 through 14. The women finished third for the seventh consecutive season while the men finished fourth (Photo by OPI).

Women's basketball looking ahead to tournament

By Jenny Eklund
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team endured another difficult week on the court with losses against Kenyon, 59-57, and Wittenberg, 75-43. With the two conference losses, the Scots are now in seventh place in the NCAC with one game remaining before the league tournament begins.

Against Kenyon, the Scots made one of their customary late runs, outscoring the Ladies 10-2 to tie the game with 39 seconds left to play. The Scots missed two jump shots and were forced to foul, and Kenyon sank their free throws to close out the game. Carly Loehrke '07 came off the bench to lead the Scots with 13 points.

Other Scots in double-digits included Lindsey Schaaff '04 with 11, including two 3-pointers, and Jen Flavin '04 who hit 4-of-5 shots for 10 points.

After the heartbreaking loss to Kenyon, the Scots returned home for the seniors' final game in Timken Gymnasium against rival Wittenberg. Sarah Drewes '04, Flavin, and Schaaff each started for the Scots in their final home games.

However, defending NCAC champion Wittenberg overpowered Wooster on both offense and defense.

The Scots managed to get with-



Jen Flavin '04 drives the baseline (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

in nine early in the second half, but the Tigers went on a 30-6 run to put the game away.

Loehrke again led the Scots with nine points, as seniors Flavin and Schaaff contributed eight and three points, respectively.

Flavin also chipped in three assists and Schaaff notched two steals on the

lar season on Wednesday night at Denison with a 67-56 loss.

They were led by reserves Flavin and Maria Gonzalez '07 with 12 and 9 points, respectively. Loehrke had team high 10 rebounds, while Vicki Meyer '06 passed out four assists.

It was Denison's second half fun that put them in the lead and kept them there the rest of the game. With 12:55 remaining in the second half, Denison pulled ahead 49-28. Wooster did not give up there.

The Scots chipped away at the Big Red and brought the score to within nine, but were not able to seal the deal.

Some of the toughest games of the season could still lie ahead for Wooster. Looking ahead to the conference tournament, the Scots will be on the road for the first-round quarterfinals on Feb. 24. Their opponent can be either Denison, Allegheny or no. 1 Wittenberg; the location of the game has yet to be determined at press time.



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defensive end.

The Scots closed out their regu-

Track puts the kibosh on foes WCWS sportscast

By David Murray
Sports Editor

On Feb. 13, the men's and women's indoor track teams arrived at the non-scoring Oberlin Invitational and

Berner was not the only Scot to win her respective event. Chris Taft '06 won the mens 1500 meters with a blister time of 4:15.40, Katie Wieferich '07 was the first to finish the gruel-

inches. Robert Kelm '07 finished second in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.34. Tim Presto '07 displayed his prominence in the 1500 meters 4:19.40. Tony Sutton '05 used his break away speed and was the last Scot to finish the meet with a second place time. Sutton finished the 55-meter dash in a time of 6.73.

With the scenario set for the Scots to finish in the top three spots in the men's 1500 meters, Patrick Wynne '05 captured third place with a time of 4:23.10. Noel Wells '06 captured third place in the 3000 meters with a time of 12:06.13.

While the bulk of the Scots' track and field team was competing at Oberlin. Two of the Scots throwers shuffled off to Ohio Northern University on Saturday Feb. 14 for the Div. III All-Ohio Championships, hosted by Ohio Northern University. Keith Vance '04 and Rick Drushal '07 did not disappoint their missing counterparts. The duo finished second and sixth with distances of 48 feet, 3.25 inches and 45 feet, nine inches, respectively.

The teams will next compete in the Greater Cleveland Championships on Feb. 20.

By Michelle Erickson
Staff Writer

The College of Wooster sports fans now have another way to experience different sporting events through WCWS 90.9. The College radio station has begun to broadcast Scots sports for the first time in over a decade. The radio station broadcasted their first game last weekend, when they brought the Wooster community the men's basketball game against rival Wittenberg University.

WCWS has broadcasted games off and on since the radio station began in 1926 and then again in 1949. It was unclear, however, why they quit providing sporting events over the airwaves in the early 90s. John Finn, director of Public Information and the advisor for the student-run WCWS speculated that it was due to a loss of student interest. Finn, however, is excited about bringing sporting events back to the radio station.

"We believe that WCWS can provide a great service to the campus and the community by broadcasting selected Wooster athletic events. Not only do these broadcasts provide exposure for the athletes and their teams, but they also give students with an interest in the profession a chance to develop

their skill," said Finn.

The sports that Finn hopes will be included are baseball and lacrosse, along with the last few women's basketball games. With the right amount of support and interest, this project will be carried over into the fall, as football is slated to be broadcast. Depending on how many people tune in, other sports may be added, such as field hockey and soccer.

"Sports play-by-play is just the beginning of an exciting new direction for the station. We have also begun to air selected lectures on campus and hope to expand that along with coverage of other events next fall," said Finn.

"I think this represents a very important step forward in the growth of the station. It also speaks highly of the students involved and the great support from the Radio Advisory Committee, particularly Dr. Korba [professor of Communication], who has provided great direction and encouragement, and Herman Gibbs, who has provided essential technical support," said Finn. With this addition, sports fans all over the Wooster area will be able to enjoy Scots athletics when they are unable to attend the games.



The track team struts their stuff as they practice at Wooster High School's indoor track (Photo by Pamela Miller).

knocked out the competition.

Despite team scores not being totaled, athletes from Case Western Reserve University, Cuyahoga Community College, Notre Dame College, Oberlin College, Thiel College, West Liberty State College and Wooster competed for individual honors.

The Scots came prepared to the meet and many left Oberlin with impressive performances. The climax of the meet came from Jillian Berner '06 who set a school-record height of 10 feet, four inches in the pole vault.

ing women's 3000 meters in a time of 11:23.49. James Williams '04 took first in his event. Williams leaped to a length of 21 feet, 0.75 inches in the long jump.

The Scots' dominance did not fizzle with their first place finishers, the momentum carried over to the rest of the team. Laura Barnhart '06 placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 1:04.51. Dana Doran-Myers '07 showed her vertical leap prowess in the high jump with a height of four feet, 10.25

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SPORTS DATA

Womens basketball closes out NCAC regular season play with a 56-67 loss. The Scots close out the regular season record of 10-15 and a conference record of 4-12.

TOT-FG	3-PT	REBOUNDS	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	TP	A
14 Vicki Meyer.....	* 1-5	0-2	6-7	0	1	1	8	4		
24 Lindsey Schaaff.....	* 1-4	1-4	1-2	0	3	3	4	1		
25 Natalie Barone.....	* 0-6	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	1		
33 Michelle Hall.....	* 2-6	0-0	0-0	0	7	7	4	0		
41 Carly Loehrke.....	* 4-8	0-1	1-2	3	7	10	9	0		
15 Mary Bell.....	1-5	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	2	1		
32 Beth Besancon.....	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	0	0		
35 Jill Berner.....	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	4	0		
40 Alexis Louttit.....	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0		
44 Jen Flavin.....	4-7	0-0	2-4	1	0	1	10	0		
45 Maria Gonzalez.....	3-4	1-1	2-2	0	2	2	9	1		
55 Marissa Holbert.....	2-6	0-3	0-0	0	3	3	4	3		

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 8-28 28.6% 2nd Half: 13-32 40.6% Game: 35.0%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd Half: 0-5 0.0% Game: 14.3%
F Throw % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 70.6%

Attendance: 310

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
College of Wooster.....	25	31	56
Denison University.....	28	39	67

UPCOMING GAMES

February 20th

Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field @ Greater Cleveland Championships, Berea Ohio. 6:00 p.m.

February 21st

Men's Basketball @ Ohio Wesleyan 3:00 p.m.
Swimming and Diving @ Case Western Reserve Classic 11:00 a.m.

February 24th

Women's Basketball @ NCAC Tournament Quarterfinals TBA
Men's Basketball @ NCAC Tournament Quarterfinals TBA